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Matty Mayer Elected Mayor; Bernstein, Bruno, Horn Tally

The election commissioner, Eddie Potter, announced May 29 that Matthew Mayer is the new mayor, Bradley Bernstein the new comptroller, Marilyn Bruno the new executive secretary, and Toby Horn the Kensington coordinator.

Mayor Matty Mayer

The new seventh term officers are Michael Gindi, president, and Ronnie Krasne, vice-president. The new fifth term officers are Marjorie Bandel, president, and Cheryl Orvis, vice-president.

The other candidates for mayor were Candy Falk and Mike Stein. Bob Shreefter ran as a write-in candidate. The students who ran for comptroller were Mimi Bender and Howard Roitman. Andrea Statnikoff was the only candidate running against Marilyn for the office of executive secretary. Jonathan Fuchs and Mike Kuba were the candidates for Kensington coordinator.

The other candidates who vied for the office of seventh term president were Bob Himmelstein and Karen Rosetti. Dawn Perlman and Dave Sobel vied for the post of seventh term vice-president. The other candidate for fifth term president was Donald Davis. Kathy Mankes was the other opponent running for the vice-presidency of this term.

The election assemblies were held May 26 and 27 during both A.M. and P.M. homerooms. All major city candidates presented their platforms to the student body at that time.

Midwood Students Appear at Garden

By CINDY ZEIDMAN

The Midwood Choral Society presented a concert on closed circuit television Tuesday, May 12. The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. B. Tillis, taped the concert at the American Broadcasting Company studio Thursday, May 7. It was broadcast on closed circuit T.V. and at Madison Square Garden as part of the Civil Rights Rally.

Only about ninety students of approximately one hundred eighty members of Mixed Chorus participated in the program. The Chorus sang "Freedom is the Word" composed by Mr. E. L. Harburg, lyricist of "The Wizard of Oz." It was arranged especially for the Midwood High School Mixed Chorus by Mr. Peter Matz. The chorus was accompanied by Mr. Robert Preston, star of the movie "The Music Man." Mr. Preston performed the solo. The concert was shown on film in Madison Square Garden. Many well-known actors and celebrities took part in the pogram. Sidney Poitier, Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were also present. Tickets sold for $7.50 and $4.00. All proceeds were given to the NAACP and CORE.

The Mixed Chorus has performed on television and on radio in the past. Mr. Harburg chose the Midwood choraliers after hearing their recent television concert. Through the years the Chorus has established and maintained an enviable reputation for being one of the outstanding high school choruses in New York City.

Language Students Win Nine Awards

By ROVENA SHRECK

This term many prizes were awarded to Midwood students in the field of languages.

The fortieth Annual Inter-High School Contest in French of the Societe des Professeurs Francais en Amerique was held Friday, March 13, at Teachers College, Columbia University.

The contest consisted of a two hundred word essay in French on a topic assigned on the day of the contest, and a translation from English into French. Part two was an oral test open only to those students who wrote satisfactory papers. David Traktman won $25 and a medal, Laurie Gordon also won a medal. Odette Mimoun won a book.

In another contest, Lois Klein took third prize in the American Association of Teachers of French for the entire metropolitan area.

In the nationwide Spanish contest also held March 13, Lois Klein won a prize for her knowledge of second year Spanish. She was awarded numerous books. Judy Goldstein received a prize for her excellence in third year Spanish. She was awarded a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Book Exchange. Other Spanish awards were received by Diane Siperstein and David Traktman. Diane won a long playing record in Spanish and David won various Spanish books. This contest also contained two parts, written and oral.

Amy Siegel took second place in a Spanish poetry contest for the entire metropolitan area.

Margaret Rossoff, a Midwood High School student, has been named as one of a hundred twenty one Presidential Scholars.

Margaret, a senior, was chosen by a Presidential commission headed by Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University. She will meet with President Lyndon Johnson today. At this meeting, Margaret, one of three New York State winners, is to receive a bronze medallion from the president proclaiming her a Presidential Scholar.

GRADUATES NUMBER 900

By STUART SUSNICK

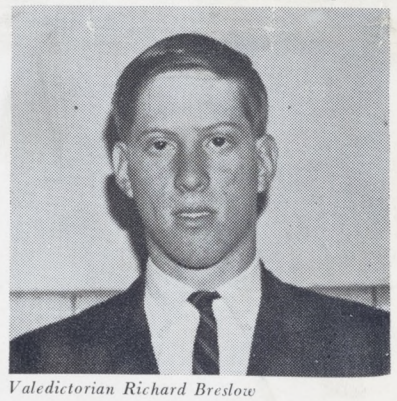
Midwood High School's class of 1964 will hold its commencement exercises in the Walt Whitman Auditorium of Brooklyn College, Thursday, June 25, at 9:00 A.M.

The nine hundred graduates will march into the auditorium to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstances," which is to be conducted by Charlene Fagelman. The seniors will sing the hymn" O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," after which the audience will salute the flag and sing the national anthem.

Richard Dutton, second ranking member of the class of 1964, is to deliver the salutatory address. Administrative Assistant Miss Flora Shore will then present awards to the graduates. The Midwood Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Marvin Rosenberg, will provide a musical interlude by performing "Overture to Ruy Blas," by Mendelssohn.

Mr. George Dobren, Midwood's Administrative Assistant in charge of Kensington Annex, will distribute additional awards. The Midwood Choral Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Bella Tillis, will perform several selections after which Administrative Assistant, Mr. Lawrence Dank, will complete the award presentations.

The Concert Band is scheduled to perform a medley of Gershwin favorites. Mr. Ginsberg, and Mr. Kramer, senior grade advisors, will present the graduates to the principal, Dr. Jacob Bernstein, who will then distribute the diplomas.



Valedictorian Richard Breslow

Finally, Penny Smith, president of the senior class, is to administer the Ephebic Pledge to the class of '64. Penny will also deliver an address from the graduates.

Dr. Bernstein will speak to the graduates after which Richard Breslow, top-ranking senior, will present the valedictory address. The seniors will sing "Midwood Alma Mater" and at the program's conclusion will march out to the strains of the recessional, "Our Director" by Bigelow.

Kids Cruise To Bear Mt. June 4

By PETER ZUCKER

Boys', Mixed, and Girls' choruses accompanied by the Scholastic and Service Honor Societies, Arista and Archon, went on their annual boat ride to Bear Mountain State Park June 4. Guests of the chorus members were also invited on the outing.

The trip to the year-round mountain resort was made via the Hudson River Day Line Boat. As in the past, dancing was permitted, and refreshments were sold.

Students partook in the usual holiday pranks and much singing and guitar playing took place on board. Mrs. Tillis, the faculty advisor of Mixed Chorus, felt that the trip was "one of the delightful bonuses of participating in the activities of the music department." Those who have spent many hours practicing in the chorus felt that the Bear Mountain Excursion was "reward enough."

Bear Mountain State Park, located in upstate New York, offered visiting Midwoodites a day of boating on the lake, horse-back riding up a winding mountain path, swimming in its large pool, trail blazing up one of the mountain slopes, picnicking, sight-seeing, and playing games such as tennis, ping-pong, handball, and basketball. The Lodge, the Bear Mountain Museum, and a small zoo were also open to the visiting Midwoodites.

The trip was a success with all the tickets being sold in advance. Officers Henry Rosenblum and Andrew Buonocore and coordinator Jay Reddock should be given credit for "doing the impossible" by getting tickets for the excursions. This was a difficult task, considering the fact that the presence of the World's Fair in New York limited the number of available tickets.

Student Artists Hold Lobby Show

By ANNE ABRAHAM

This year, in conjunction with the Spring Concert, the Art Department sponsored an art exhibit. The works that were displayed were the efforts of students who have taken part in Midwood's Major Art program.

Among those pictures displayed were several which had been awarded medals by various organizations. The Saint Alexander Medal, awarded by the School Art League, went to Sandra Lee Sterman. The Saint Gaudens Medal was awarded to Jane Pincus. The Youths Friends Association Medal (sponsored by the Quakers) was presented to Joan Mattingley. The Midwood High School Fine Arts Medal will be given to Richard Wellikoff; the Midwood High School Fine Arts Certificate will be presented to Hannah Davis. Midwood's Honorable mentions will go to Judy Agona, Rita Asaro and Alice Fischlewitz.

The responsibility for deciding which pictures were to be displayed was placed on a specially formed voluntary student committee, of which Mr. Lefkowitz and Mr. N. Shapiro were in charge. In choosing the works, color coordination, technique, composition and originality were all considered. The committee made its choices from the portfolios submitted for the Art Awards.

Midwood's art department has encouraged its gifted students by having continuous displays of outstanding artistic work on the fourth floor bulletin boards near the art office.

City Roundup . . . . . Midwood Pupils Engage in Research at Downstate

Over one year ago, Mr. Irving Reich, Chairman of Midwood High School's biology department, approached Dr. Eichna, chief of the department of Medicine at Downstate Medical Center and chief of the Department of Services, Kings County Hospital, with a suggestion to form a program for highly motivated and gifted children at Downstate. The goal was to make research by these pupils possible.

Dr. Eichna was "enthusiastic" and told Mr. Reich that he wished to begin the program in the summer of 1963. However, because of pressing work, the program was not initiated. Dr. Eichna appointed Dr. Wallach, also of Downstate, as a liaison man between himself and Mr. Reich. Dr. Wallach was, "most cooperative," Mr. Reich told the **Argus,** and his work was "superlative."

Originally, the plan had hoped to give three or four children a chance to work with the doctors. Before the choice of students was made, however, twenty Midwood students, in the company of Mr. Reich, were given an extensive tour of the Downstate facilities by Dr. Wallach, a lecture by three research scientists, and a talk by Dr. Eichna.

New plans were drawn up, and now fourteen students will spend eight weeks working five days a week, full time, at the center carrying on research with individual scientists on a personal basis.

Mr. Reich states, "Midwood is the only school in the country which has this type of program . . . to my knowledge. This is a sort of private NSF for Midwood students." He added, "We hope that as a result of this we will be able to eventually extend this program on a year-round basis."

The students participating in the program include: Laurie Appel and Steven Rosenberg working with Dr. Kaplan on arthritis; William Edelstein, working with Dr. Gerber on arthritis; Larry May who will work with Dr. McNully on gastroenterology; Edward de Vos who will work with Dr. Lee in the field of hematology; Richard Lehv who will work with Dr. Dreizen in physical methods in medicine; Mark Yudkowitz, Ira Pores and Jeff Namon who will be working with Dr. Sparagen in the field of nuclear physics-radioisotopes in medicine; Toby Horn who will engage in work on enzyme chemistry with Dr. Silverstein; Robert Schechter who will do work on surgery with Dr. Shaffan; Kerry Fagelman and Richard Frankenstein who will work with Dr. Stuckey and Dr. Dennis respectively on surgery; and Donald Davis who will work with Dr. Valenti on chromosomes and tissue culture.

The people at Downstate will also take out insurance policies for these students to guard them in case of accident.

The boosters and cheerleaders of Midwood High School have selected their captains for next term.

Boosters elected Carol Levine and Susan Schwartz as co-captains. Cheryl Larrier was chosen booster chairman.

Michele Bergman was chosen cheerleader captain in May. Wendy Schwartzberg will serve as co-captain of the squad.

The newly elected **Argus** editors attended the Overseas Press Club to hear successful journalists speak on their profession, May 15.

Newspaper staffs from schools in the metropolitan area gathered to exchange ideas and questions with the panelists. Art Buchwald, New York Herald Tribune columnist, was the main speaker. He enlightened his audience on the relationship between the President and Washington reporters.

Following the introductory speeches, the group divided to hear panels on news reporting, editorial writing, features, and columns.

SCHEDULE OF REGENTS EXAMINATIONS — JUNE 1964

A.M. MORNING EXAMS		P.M. AFTERNOON EXAMS
8:45- 9:00 A.M. Book Collection 9:00- 9:15 A.M. Distribution of Papers 9:15-12:15 A.M. Examination Period		12:45-1:00 P.M. Book Collection 1:00-1:15 P.M. Distribution of Papers 1:15-4:15 P.M. Examination Period
CITY-WIDE—9th YEAR: TO BE GIVEN IN ANNEX— SPECIAL TIME SCHEDULE— SEE END OF TERM CALENDAR	**MONDAY JUNE 15th**	CITY-WIDE FRENCH 2 yrs. CITY-WIDE SPANISH 2 yrs. ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE IN LEVEL III
ENGLISH TYPEWRITING	**TUESDAY JUNE 16th**	10th YEAR MATHEMATICS 11th YEAR MATHEMATICS 12th YEAR MATH—(12B) SOLID GEOMETRY
AMERICAN HISTORY and WORLD BACKGROUNDS III	**WEDNESDAY JUNE 17th**	FRENCH 3 YEARS SPANISH 3 YEARS HEBREW 3 YEARS BOOKKEEPING 2 YEARS
BIOLOGY CHEMISTRY STEN & TRANSCRIPTION	**THURSDAY JUNE 18th**	EARTH SCIENCE PHYSICS
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Team Scores High

The Math Team of Midwood High School is fighting to hold its sixth place position in city competition, trailing only the Engineers of Brooklyn Tech, and the Peglegs of Stuyvesant. Lincoln, Bronx High School of Science, Martin Van Buren, and Midwood are in third, fourth, fifth and sixth place respectively. William Jennings Bryan and Erasmus Hall High Schools are close on the tail of Midwood. Midwood finished ninth in the city, tenth in state, and eighteenth in the nation. In the Math Association of America contest, an examination which is taken internationally once a year by the top math students of every high school, Michael Ruchlis, captain of the starting team, finished tenth in the city and seventeenth and a half in international competition, receiving a twenty-five dollar savings bond for his superior efforts.

The rotating members of the five man starting team include Michael Ruchlis (captain), Anton Greenwald, Richard Thorner, Richard Dutton, Kent Seinfeld, and Teddy Feit, seniors; and juniors Benjamin Orlove and Ronald Sverdlove. The faculty advisor of the team is Mr. Aaron Shapiro.

The Math Team meets Monday through Friday during period seven. Squad members other than the starting team include juniors and sophomores who are prospective members of the first string team. The students, many of whom sacrifice their lunch periods, practice previous contest problems and examination questions reviewed by Mr. Shapiro.

According to contest regulations, each team meets on examination dates with a neighboring school. Midwood pairs with Madison. Meets are scheduled about every three weeks. Similar examinations containing uniform problems are given to all member teams in the city, regardless of whom or where they are playing. The total number of correct answers compiled by the starting team is credited to the composite score of the school. Junior math team members are invited to attend meets and to take tests. Students receiving the highest scores are candidates for the starting team for following meets and for future terms. The top scorer on Midwood's team is Michael Ruchlis, who has also been a leader in city scoring.

According to Mr. Shapiro, the team has many potential stars as well as the two juniors who will be returning as experienced veterans next year, "and the prospects for our finishing at the top are high."

Top Seniors Receive Citation Award from Wagner at City Hall

By LESLIE SILVERBERG

Mayor Robert F. Wagner presented approximately 1200 citations to high school students from the entire city, for their scholastic achievements, at City Hall on May 21, 1964. Sixteen Midwood High School students were selected to receive this award.

To be a recipient of this award, the student must have excellence in scholarship, character, citizenship, and service to the school or the community. Mayor's Committee Scholarships are also available for these students; however, financial need is considered for the presentation of these scholarships. The winners of the Mayor's Scholarships had not been announced at press time.

The principal speaker at the citation award ceremony was President Vernon R. Alden of Ohio University, assistant to Sargeant Shriver in heading a proposed "job corps" in President Johnson's anti-poverty drive. Mr. Alden outlined his plans for the building of education centers to train high school dropouts. Another distinguished guest at the ceremony was Dr. Harry J. Carmen, dean emeritus of Columbia College, who received the Medal of the City of New York for his educational leadership in public service.

The Midwood High School students who received the Mayor's Citation Award were: Richard Breslow, Richard Dutton, Charlene Fagelman, Teddy Feit, Marilyn Frankenstein, Stephen Goldberg, Laurie Gordon, Ellen Krumholz, Frances Novack, Margaret Rossoff, Elliot Schnapp, Paula Scheinberg, Amy Seigal, Diane Siperstein, Penny Smith and Richard Spies. These students are the top 16 pupils in the senior class. Not only are they scholars, but all of them participate in extra-curricular activities.

To show the diversity of the interests of the sixteen who received awards, they have among them, the editor-in-chief of Patterns, the chairman of Senior sing, the president of the graduating class, members of the orchestra and band, and boy and girl leaders of Arista.

ARGUS HOLDS ELECTIONS; SOFFER, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

By RONNIE KRASNE

The Midwood **Argus** held its elections May 14, during period 8 in 355. The **Argus** staff voted for associate news editors for the fall term.

The newly-elected editor-in-chief of **Argus** is former sports editor, Jeffrey Soffer. He has replaced Shelly Braff, who is graduating this term.

The job of the editor-in-chief is to supervise the different staffs of the **Argus** and to make sure that everything runs smoothly. The chief is also in charge of the editorial page.

The former news editors, Anne Hyman and Stuart Susnick are also graduating this term. The new news editors will be Rovena Shreck and Laurie Salen. To assist them the staff elected Cindy Zeidman and Steven Kussin as news associates. News writes stories on the factual events occurring in Midwood. The new reporters joining the news staff will be: Julie Harris, Susan Kleppel, Joan McGovern, Judy Meyeroon, Rhona Ressler, and Marc Salverman.

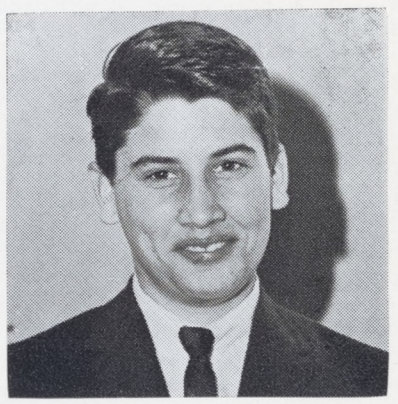
On the feature staff associates Susan Schwartz and Cathy Wolfert have been named the new editors.

The new associate editor for feature is Anne Farber. The former editor, Elaine Schecter, is graduating this term. The new reporters for the feature staff are: Charlene Davis, Ann Hardeman, Nina Roaman and Lynne Weissberger.

The sports staff reports all the major sport events in Midwood. Howie Cohen, the former associate has replaced Jeff Soffer as editor. His assistant is not as yet known. The new reporters for sports will be Allan Beyda, Glenn Hameroff and Howard Sirota.

To become a member of **Argus** one must first be in the journalism class, for the 3rd, 4th or 5th term of English. This is an honor class and a recommendation from the previous term's English teacher is necessary. Before being considered for the class the student must have maintained an eighty five per cent average in English.

If accepted by Miss Mulhern for



Jeff Soffer, Argus Editor-in-Chief Elect

Argus, the student becomes a reporter. The next step is associate editorship. The editors of each staff nominate those people they feel are capable of this position. The **Argus** staff members then elect the associate editors. From this position, the associate may rise to editor, and finally to editor-in-chief.

Turshen and Marcus Accept Posthumous Award for J.F.K.

By HARVEY ALPER

Midwood High School's FDR Commission presented its Franklin Delano Roosevelt award posthumously to President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, during traditional assembly ceremonies Wednesday, May 20.

Max Turshen, senior member of the

Assemblyman Max Turshen

New York State Assembly, and Professor Edward Marcus of Brooklyn College's Economics Department accepted the award.

Professor Marcus, present during the morning ceremonies, is a former school chum of the late president. He attended Harvard University with Kennedy. Assemblyman Turshen, who accepted the award during the afternoon program, was personally acquainted with John Kennedy. In addition, he told **Argus** that he was especially proud to be present because his three children, one a judge in Virginia, one associated with UNESCO, and the last a student at the University of Miami, have all graduated from Midwood.

A small plaque, bearing the name of John F. Kennedy will be mounted alongside those of past FDR award winners. Furthermore, Congresswoman Edna Kelly, acting for Attorney General Robert Kennedy, informed Midwood High School that the FDR award will be given a permanent home at the JFK memorial library. The award reads, "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Award 1964 —Presented by the students of Midwood High School to President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in memoriam for outstanding achievement in the field of human rights." It consists of a brass plate mounted on a wood plaque.

As a result of considerable student pressure, long-standing rules were changed, and for the first time a deceased person was granted the award.

The award is dedicated to the "recognition of selfless devotion to the ideal of the betterment of mankind through tolerance, understanding and emotional acceptance of human quality." John F. Kennedy fulfilled these ideals.

Dr. Bader to Head 'Patterns'

By STEVEN KUSSIN

Dr. Yvette Bader is replacing Mr. Abraham Singer as faculty advisor of Midwood's literary and art magazine, **Patterns.**

Patterns is published annually by a staff composed of approximately thirty students, which is fed each term by the creative writing class. The magazine contains short stories, essays, and poems as well as related art work which "blends with the content."

Dr. Bader returned from a maternity leave in the fall of 1962. She has been teaching English at Midwood since 1958. The new faculty advisor is looking forward to her new position as a "most challenging and interesting one." In the past, Dr. Bader has worked professionally in the editorial field.

In her initial term as faculty advisor of **Patterns,** Dr. Bader would like to make several small modifications and add several features to the format of the magazine. At the present time, **Patterns** consists entirely of fiction material. She would like to keep the accent on fiction, but in addition, to tackle immediate social topics and problems through expression in essays. In addition, she would like to feature "more stories—more stories with deeper plots and developments."

According to Dr. Bader, "At the present time **Patterns** consists mostly of material of a serious nature." Future material in the magazine will feature "more work about human nature."

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

Last month, the Around New York Commission sold discount tickets for the World's Fair. Special student tickets were available for many of the attractions, among which was the Louisiana Pavilion. When a group of students learned that the school was making discounts available for this particular pavilion, they demanded that the sale of tickets be stopped on the grounds that the school had no right to support a segregated state in any way.

The objection was taken to the Board of Estimate where a very simple decision was arrived at. The Board members felt that the purpose of student government is to work for the students. Since the students had shown a great interest in purchasing these discount tickets, their distribution was to be continued despite the objection raised.

The objection presented by these students raises an important question: Does the City of Midwood have the right to decide whether it is proper for its citizens to visit the Louisiana Pavilion? Or more generally: Is it the role of any public high school group to investigate the political beliefs of any state of the union?

The answer is an emphatic no. The question is entirely up to the students. If a student does not like anything about Louisiana, it is his personal privilege not to visit that state's pavilion. If, by the same token, there is a student who does not agree with the political beliefs of Missouri, or Texas, or any other state, he too has every right not to support any endeavor of that state. The public high school however, is not in a similar position. As a public institution it does not have the right to lend or withhold support to any state of the United States, nor to investigate the government or the political beliefs of any state in the union.

If the student government receives tickets which might benefit the students, it is the duty of this organization to make these tickets available. Once they are made obtainable, each student can decide as an individual whether he wants the tickets or not; whether he wants to support the group sponsoring the event or not. Once a student has reached the high school level, he should be mature enough to decide for himself what he believes in.

The staff of the **Midwood Argus** would like to extend its best wishes to the faculty and students for a most happy and healthy summer.

SHELLY BRAFF

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

Recently the F.D.R. Commission has taken a strong stand opposing democratic process. As F.D.R. Commissioner, I wish to justify our actions and point out the flaws in what has occurred.

In previous years, the commission has taken a strong stand opposing the giving of the F.D.R. Award posthumously. This year, however, student response toward the opposite is certainly justifiable. The petitions and criticism of our policy were a hopeful sign of student interest in the affairs of the City of Midwood, the world, and individual concep's of brotherhood. The student councils challenged our dogmatic stand, and quite willingly we went to take a homeroom referendum in order to hear a wider range of student opinion. Unfortunately, lack of time made it necessary to decide upon this issue at once. At a meeting of the Boards of Estimate, the idea of giving two co-awards (which the commission had felt was a just compromise) was rejected on the grounds that both councils had formerly opposed it. The result of our incomplete but random referendum was, by a reasonable majority, in favor of giving two awards.

The point I wish to make, however, is the fact that in the final election, after so much student objection toward the handling of this problem, only 20 percent of all Midwoodites took advantage of the privilege and responsibility which they are offered by voting. Who then is in a position to criticize democracy and what is the flaw in this system?

Carolyn Gluck, 305S

To the editor of the Midwood Argus:

This term the senior officers attempted to produce "Bye Bye Birdie," to be performed at Midwood and have a cast of seniors only. In March everything was underway, as the cast was chosen and general approval by Dr. Bernstein was given. During the Easter vacation, there were extensive rehearsals everyday and the response was almost staggering as everyone involved was willing to give up their free time. Upon returning to Midwood after the vacation, we found that we had no faculty advisor. It was impossible to find one. All the teachers had excuses. By the end of April we had no choice but to give up. The entire cast, all of whom had learned their songs perfectly and their dance numbers extremely well, were disappointed. And can one blame them?

We would, at this time, like to tell that great cast how grateful we were and are that they gave up so much of their time to this unfortunately cancelled activity. Is is not contrary to the very goals of American education for student creativity to be so stifled? We hope the entire faculty is more cooperative to the students of Midwood in the future.

Penny Smith, 8th Term
President 215S

Rubin Kaplan, 8th Term
Vice-President 167S

MAYOR'S DESK

The use of the suggestion box has really decreased but there are, I am sure, still many suggestions or questions that nearly everyone must have. Therefore, I intend to conduct a poll of the entire school which will ask directly how the school can be improved and what services you would like student government to perform. Even if you are a graduating senior, there are many ideas you can leave to improve the school. Everyone's cooperation in this survey will mean a much more successful school year. Please think deeply about and answer fully the questions on the mimeographed sheet which will appear in your homeroom within the next few days.

The pocket billiard tournament which I announced earlier in the term is finally taking place. The entry fee is 25 cents and everyone, whether experienced or not, should enter for at very least the sheer enjoyment. I hope this tournament will receive the full support for the many interested students in Midwood.

I also hope to have in the homerooms just before the end of the term a sports newsletter. It will have detailed articles on the records and games of the spring teams. Finally, in this last farewell to the many students and teachers of Midwood, I would like to thank the commission members, the team members, the faculty advisers, and all Midwood students who made this term as interesting, enjoyable and rewarding as it was. Thank you for everything.

BRUCE DAVIS

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

As we approach the end of a school year it becomes necessary that a few very important **reminders** be called to your attention.

First: You should make every effort in these last few school days to **pass** all your subjects. I am sure that your teachers will extend to you every possible assistance. But you must show by your attitude and co-operation that you are really making a maximum effort.

Second: You should take advantage of the summer school program to make up past failures, if you have any, and move up to grade. Otherwise, discouragement and possible drop-out may result. Not to graduate and earn a high school diploma may place you at a serious disadvantage all through your life.

Third: I strongly urge you to plan to spend part of every day this summer doing some worthwhile reading. It is the practice for our library to provide students with a reading list. Use it! Nothing will help you to succeed in high school so much as the habit of reading good books.

Finally: I take this opportunity to wish all of you a most pleasant and healthful summer vacation.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Bernstein
Principal

MID-HIGHS

Bonnie C. Gordon

BARBRA STREISAND: A SMASH IN 'FUNNY GIRL'

The brightest and most welcomed newcomer to the Broadway stage this season is undoubtedly Barbra Streisand. Her portrayal of Fanny Brice in the new hit musical "Funny Girl" is brilliant.

Miss Streisand dazzles her audience from beginning to end with a comic grace all her own. Her voice and style are dynamic and reek of all the sentimentality of the old torch singers.

As Miss Brice, she shows a terrific flare for comedy. Perhaps this is due to the fact that she resembles the famous vaudeville star in many ways. In her homeliness there is an air of beauty and in her awkwardness there is an air of elegance. Few stars have been able to move their audiences to such emotional peaks as Barbra Streisand succeeds in doing in "Funny Girl." She is not merely the star; she is the show.

Appearing with Miss Streisand is the handsome and charming Sydney Chaplin who portrays Nick Arnstein, the rich gambler con man Fanny Brice marries. Aside from his good looks, Mr. Chaplin contributes nothing to the show and his singing voice needs training.

Kay Medford, who made a big hit as the nagging mother in "Bye Bye Birdie" a few years ago, is just as good in the part of Fanny's mother and just as funny. Now, she also sings and dances. Jean Stapelton's performance as Fanny's meddling aunt is also enjoyable.

The musical score is diversified, with many lively and bouncy songs; the dancing is superb. The song "People" sung by Barbra Streisand, is a show stopper. There are many hilarious take-offs on the old Zigfeld Follies in which Fanny Brice once starred.

"Funny Girl" is a sheer delight in almost every aspect and this reporter urges everyone to see it as soon as possible.

CATHY WOLFERT

Froy Fiends Found Cult

The girl dashed to her locker, searched frantically, and withdrew a small, beady-eyed plastic creature with wild hair. She breathed a sigh of relief, massaged the troll's naked navel, whispered a short prayer, and ran off to take a math test.

This is but one example of a new booming industry—the manufacture of mechanical tension-relievers. They come in various shapes, sizes and textures, and their purpose is to allow modern man to release his aggressions in a directed manner.

In addition to the above mentioned magic dolls, there is a family of Freudian furballs. They consist of a ball of fur, flat feet, and penetrating plastic eyes that stare out at the world with silent comprehension. They are called Roy the Froy, Sid the Snid, and Pink Fink. Some students stick pins in them, and others throw them violently against the walls. One student even taped hers

Froy at work.

to the ceiling.

"I really talk to him," said one student as she caressed her Froy lovingly. "People are fickle, but he's not gonna snitch." Added another, "He looks at you and he almost looks intelligent, sometimes more than people even."

Another old friend is the nebbish, an innocuous little cartoon with a smile that reveals his love of life. He comes in pictures and plaster desk busts designed to calm any trauma.

This worship of inanimate creatures is not localized to high schools alone. Latest bulletin from the college office: Five girls of University of Pennsylvania have hung from the rafters of the women's dorms a strip of nineteen paper dolls, three feet high and twenty-seven feet long. Thus, although paper dolls still exist, the space age has brought about the extinction of the four-leaf clovers, rabbits' feet and the superstitions of another era.

This reporter, of course, doesn't believe in such nonsense. But you must excuse me for a moment. My rubber salamander wants some water from the pygmy shower next to the water fountain in the girls' gym.

ELAINE SCHECHTER

RICHARD BURTON HOLDS STUDENT PRESS PARLEY

The tense air of excitement in the Lunt - Fontanne Theatre contrasted strongly with the calm assurance of the man seated on stage. Richard Burton appeared perfectly at ease as he answered questions fired at him by the student press. He answered succinctly, occasionally jumping up to accentuate a point or speak a few lines in a resonant voice which added to the impression of his overwhelming masculinity.

Mr. Burton, star of " Antony and Cleopatra," "Beckett," "Night of the Iguana," "Camelot," and "Hamlet," was taught to act by his friend and adopted parent, Philip Burton, the moderator of the press conference. Although an experienced and recognized actor, Richard Burton has no specific method of acting, and stated, "I don't know what technique is . . . I don't really think it matters what method you adopt." Mr. Burton does not plan his motions, and admitted, "I don't quite really know what I'm going to do until I'm on." Once on, however, the actor wisely suits the mood of the play to that of

Hamlet (Richard Burton) duels with Laertes (John Collum) in "Hamlet."

the audience. Mr. Burton does not believe an actor should indulge himself, and avoids tears on stage, adding that he can't even cry in real life.

Many of the questions centered on "Hamlet," in which Mr. Burton is now playing. He finds that the role of the Danish prince is "an enormous burden" with "tremendous vocal and emotional demands." He described the complex character as "weak, strong, passionate —a very super man," and added wryly that Hamlet speaks rather well. However, the actor considers Hamlet a victim of "manic depression."

Mr. Burton seems to revere Shakespeare. His favorite part is that of Toby Belch of "Twelfth Night," and the role that he would most like to play is King Lear. Commenting on the controversy of Shakespearian authenticity, Mr. Burton remarked that he doesn't really care if Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare's plays, and added intensely, "All I know is whoever wrote them was some kind of god."

ELAINE SCHECHTER

Fearless Graduates Speak Their Minds

This month, this roving reporter went through Midwood's senior hangouts to get answers to the following profound question: "Why are you glad to leave Midwood?" The answers are below:

"My main desire is to escape this petit bourgeois atmosphere so prevalent at Midwood."

Stan Jonas 154S

"I'm very anxious because I can't study anymore in this school and if I stay any longer I'll flunk!"

Rubin Kaplan 167S

"I'm sick of this school. Let me out, man!"

Stuart Susnick 151S

"I'm looking forward to a place where emphasis is placed on learning, not on marks."

Sue Weinstein 454S

"Gee, just think of all the girls in college!"

Ronnie Kisch 253S

"I'm looking forward to college life immensely because something must be easier than Midwood."

Howie Small 307S

"Why? Because I want to drink legally."

Danny Weiss 307S

"It's absolutely revolting!"

Monroe Arndt 413S

"What I have to say coudn't be said."

Gail Stabiner 151S

"I want to escape from this rat race for marks."

Frances Novack 307S

"I've been here at Midwood for a long time and I want to graduate so I can broaden my horizons."

Missy Sandberg 267S

"I want to get out of New York City. I never liked Midwood."

Harvey Alper 334S

"Familiarity breeds contempt!"

Elaine Schechter 373S

BARBARA LAZAR

Meet Your Teacher

Two years ago, the language department at Midwood made a wise decision in accepting Mr. Henry Blaustein to its staff, since within this short period of time he has become a prominent member of the faculty and has duly earned the respect and affection of the entire student body.

"At first, it was strange teaching at the school from which I had graduated," he explained, but soon the young Spanish teacher "got into the full swing of things," and is now the faculty adviser for both the Spanish Honor Society and the 1964 Senior Prom. As a student at Midwood, Mr. Blaustein was active in the Pan-American Club, and the Arista and Archon Societies. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from New York University, and is presently attending Brooklyn College, where he expects to receive his Master of Arts Degree in one year.

Mr. Blaustein also studied at the University of Madrid one summer, and has traveled through much of Spain, Italy and France. His plans for this summer include a trip to the Near East.

As a former art major in high school and during the early part of his college career, this busy "profesor de español" occasionally finds the time to paint and further his education in art. He also enjoys dancing, listening to music and attending the theatre.

But Mr. Henry Blaustein is primarily a Spanish teacher, and in explaining the role of the foreign language in the life of the student, stated:

"The purpose of learning a foreign language is not merely to attain a general knowledge of its structure and use, but also to acquire a keen insight into the life and customs of the people who speak that language."

Certainly, Mr. Blaustein has been successful in his attempt to instill within his students a love for the Spanish language, and presents this advice to future Spanish teachers, "Gozad de vuestra juventud, porque la vida del profesor es muy dura." (Translation: "Enjoy your youth because the life of a teacher is a hard one.")

HARRIET MOLBERGER

Koch and Spoonemore Excel As Middies Lose to Tilden

HOWIE COHEN

With a 3-5 record, the Mid-Nine of Midwood High School met the Nine of Tilden at Erasmus Field and lost a hard-fought contest.

It was a very close game with a final score of 7-4 in favor of Tilden. Both teams hit well, but the boys from Tilden won out in the end. There was no score for two innings as the pitchers for each team showed fine control. In the top of the third, Tilden got its first run of the game. The Middies weren't shaken a bit, and came back with a run in their half of the inning to tie the score at one all. In the top of the fourth, Tilden exploded, scoring six runs off Midwood pitcher, Bob Turner. The Blue Jays began a comeback in the bottom of the fourth, scoring one run. Neither team tallied in the fifth and Tilden was held silent in the top of the sixth. In the second half of the frame, the Middies scored another two runs narrowing the score to 7-4. The game ended this way when the Middies failed to score in the next and final inning.

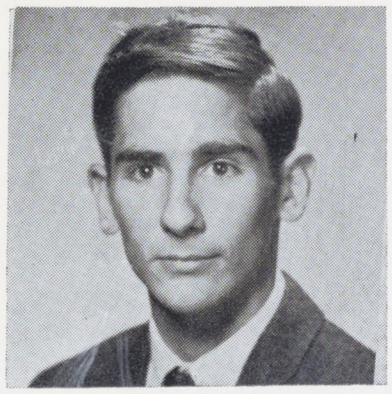
The game was not without its high-points for the Blue Jays. Steve Koch banged out two hits, a double and a single, and Craig Spoonemore started a sharp double play by scooping up a hot ground ball, stepping on second, and then firing to first for the second out.

The Middies lost their next game to Erasmus High, at Erasmus field; and so their record as of press time is 3-7.

Sportlight

SETH ABRAHAM

The Midwood High School Tennis Team is now contending for the City Championship. One boy, John Mogulesqu, will probably put them there again. Johnny, a basketball star and first singles tennis hero is now the king of the tennis courts.



John Mogulesqu

Since he was 8 years old, John has entered tennis tournaments throughout the eastern coast, and has won most of them. The only obstacle preventing John from becoming All-City is George "Butch" Seewagen. For the past two years John has been pitted against Butch and was defeated both times, in the city championship play.

John feels that under the able coaching reins of Mr. Murray Eisenstadt, the team has a chance to make it two in a row.

During the winter season, John dons the uniform of the Middie cagers and plays in the back court for the Five. At one point in the season, the speedster scored 17 points in four consecutive games. In basketball, Johnny's greatest thrill was beating Jefferson midway in the season. In the future Mogulesqu is planning to attend Brown University.

Runners End 1964 Season

BOB HIMMELSTEIN

Continuing its fine season the Midwood High School Track Team trounced Bushwick High School, taking almost all of the events. In their next outing, the Blue Jays dropped a close decision to Tilden. Winding up the season, they defeated Jefferson High in a very close meet.

The trackmen fared very well in the Flatbush Relays taking eight trophies. The first four went to the first place spring medley relay, comprised of Phil Zeltner running the 220, Fred Spar in the quarter, Bruce Levine in the 110 and Joel Cohen in the 330 event. The last four trophies went to the distance medley. The quarter consisted of Bob Petritch in the half, Steve Paige in the quarter, Harvey Firestone in the ¾ mile event and Billy Goodheart in the mile.

In the Flatbush Champs the trackmen continued to pick up medals. Billy Goodheart took third place in the mile. Harvey Firestone placed fourth in the two mile event. In the quarter mile event Fred Spar came in second and Steve Paige fourth. Phil Zeltner came in fourth in the 220 and fifth in the triple jump, breaking novice in the field events. Bruce Levine took fourth in the 100.

NETMEN BROOKLYN CHAMPS, NEXT STOP CITY TITLE

JIM NOVICK

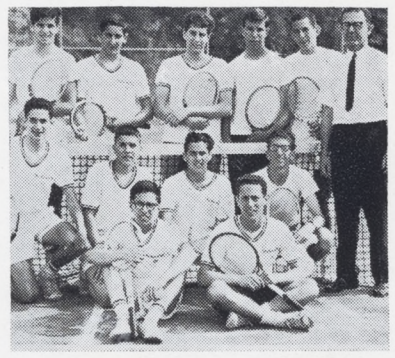
As predicted, The Midwood High School Tennis Team has started its championship record. After seven scheduled division matches, the Netmen have compiled a tremendous 7-0 record. This gives the team the Division I Championship. The team's past and future victories can be accredited to two factors; first there is the expert coaching by Mr. Eisenstadt of the Social Studies Department, and second, the individual devotion of each member of the team.

The second match of the season held against Brooklyn Tech on April 24 determined the future victories of the team. Against the roughest opponent in Division I, the Middies rallied through with a close 3-2 victory. Captain John Mogulescu playing first singles had very little trouble whipping his opponent 6-2, 6-2. In the second singles match played by Mike Ginsberg, Midwood came through victorious after a very close battle. Giving up the first set 5-7, Mike then proceeding to win the next two, 6-4, 6-1. Elliot Golinkoff playing third singles, also took a victory beating his opponent 6-1, 6-1. Unfortunately, the doubles teams consisting of Charles Cohen and Bob Fuhr, Jimmy Wexler and Steve Perlman both lost their matches despite tremendous playing.

The next six matches were a comparative breeze to the strong team. The day before the Tech match the netmen went down to Eli Whitney High School to walk out with a 5-0 victory, losing only two games out of sixty. This lineup besides the regulars had Jim Novick and Joel Brenner in second doubles.

Wingate High vied with our team on April 30 only to find themselves losing every match. The final score was Midwood 5, Wingate 0. For the next three matches Midwood, unable to use John Mogulescu as first single, still found itself victorious. On May 4, Tilden only received one point out of five when its first singles player defeated Dan Vartabedian. On May 5 the team killed Boys High as Gary Cooper, playing first singles, beat his opponent 6-4, 6-0. When the net men played Jefferson on May 7 Midwood again found itself victorious, giving up only one point as Gary Cooper lost his match.

For a closing triumph the Middies ousted Lincoln High 4-1 with only the second doubles team losing in a very close match.



Tennis Team of 1964

A great deal of credit must be given to the other team members, Larry Carlin, Marty Pfeffer, and the manager, Ted Feit.

Kickoff

JEFF SOFFER

The Midwood High School Tennis Team, City Champs of 1963, may do it again this year. By defeating Brooklyn Tech, their biggest threat, in addition to the other opponents in the division, the racketmen have achieved the honor of being Division Champions. From here the Blue Jays will compete for the Brooklyn Championship, and then the City Championship. These most crucial and decisive matches will be played after the **Argus** goes to press; and, therefore, the results will appear in a bulletin.

As if the tennis and football championships aren't enough for the Middies; the Handball Team also last year's division champs, have also done it again. From now on their future matches can only mean more glory and honor for the school; but the results, here too, will appear in bulletins.

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We wish to congratulate all members of the teams and their coaches for their fine skill and the proud name they've given to the school. Victory is the word for every team; not in the sense of winning ball games (and that we have), but in the greater sense that all participants in the games have tried their hardest, and have never lost their strong spirit.

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Good Luck to all graduating athletes such as: Billy Goodhart, Alan Glassman, James McNulty, John Mogulesqu, Jim O'Brien, Sam DeMarco, Mike Weinberg, Howie Small, Bob Turner, Howie Tames, and Bruce Davis, to name a few who have contributed tremendously to Midwood's athletic greatness.

Wallmen End Slate First in Division Meet For Playoffs

MARK LEIBERMAN

As in past years, the Midwood High School Handball Team raced to the wire in the current season leading its division. In pacing the division for the eighth time in 9 years, the Midmen won 7 and lost 2, losing to Madison twice. One of the key reasons for the losses to Madison was the fact that Howie Tames was not able to play. Howie is one of the top members of the all senior squad and Coach Dave Fried is depending heavily on him during this stretch run. Aside from Tames, other stalwarts of this year's squad include singles entrants Frank Amato and Bruce Davis and the doubles combinations of Al Berger and Kent Seinfeld, and Ralph Florio and Frank Marzullo.

The Blue Jays still have three hurdles before them to reach the city championship. They must beat Lafayette in the quarterfinals and then face Brooklyn Tech for the borough championship.

They would then face the Queens leaders in a match held June 2.

With any sort of luck, the wallmen could go all the way to bring Midwood its second city championship athletic team of the 1963-64 school year.

BULLETIN

The Midwood Tennis Team, this year's Brooklyn Champs, contending for their second consecutive City Championship, was defeated by Bayside High School 4-1, Friday, May 29.

The Midwood Handball Team, this year's Division Champs, competing for the Brooklyn Championship title, was also defeated by Lafayette High School.